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## EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THECITY OF JERSEY CITY ELECTRIFICATION AND RIGHT-SIZING OF THE CITY'S FLEET TO SUPPORT CLIMATE GOALS

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Jersey City by law, I issue the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City owns and operates a large fleet of over 1100 vehicles that is critical to the functions of municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City recognizes that climate change represents a grave and significant threat to current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, responding to the threat of climate change with aggressive action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is not only socially and environmentally responsible but also provides public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, according to the City of Jersey City 2016 Inventory of Communitywide Greenhouse Gas Emissions, the transportation sector accounts for 30% of community-wide greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, air pollution from conventional internal combustion vehicles is associated with negative impacts to human health, including but not limited to, asthma and other respiratory illnesses; and

WHEREAS, electrifying the Jersey City's municipal fleet will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from city fleet operations; and

WHEREAS, optimizing the fleet size through eliminating unused or underused vehicles and equipment will help further reduce emissions and keep operational costs low.

**NOW THEREFORE,** pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Jersey City, I hereby issue this executive Order:

1. Effective January 1, 2020, ten percent (10%) of the annual total of newly purchased and/or newly leased municipal vehicles must be electric vehicles;

- 2. By 2030, all newly purchased and/or newly leased municipal vehicles must be electric vehicles;
- 3. This shall not apply in cases where a specific vehicle must be purchased or leased, but no suitable electric vehicle is available;
- 4. Any and all exceptions to this directive must follow the procedures outlined in Article VI, Chapter 3-51.F.4. (Green Vehicle Procurement Policy) of the municipal code; and
- 5. Within one calendar year, the Business Administrator, in coordination with the Division of Purchasing, the Division of Automotive, and the Office of Sustainability, shall work together to revise the existing fleet purchasing policy and all related procedures to ensure the execution of this directive as well as to optimize the size and efficiency of the City fleet to drastically reduce greenhouse gas emissions from all fleet vehicle operations.

If any provision of this Executive Order, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Executive Order to the extend it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and to this extend the provision of this Executive Order are severable.

The Executive Order shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Business Administrator. It will be made available to the public upon request.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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cc: Brian D. Platt, Business Administrator Sean J. Gallagher, City Clerk Peter J. Baker, Corporation Counsel All Department Directors